

REMARKS

The present application included pending claims 1-25. Claims 14-20 have been allowed. Claims 1-13, and 21-25 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein. New claims 26-37 have been added. The Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-25 define patentable subject matter.

In order to expedite prosecution of the present application towards issuance, the Applicants have canceled claims 1-13, and 21-25 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein. The Applicants reserve the right to pursue these canceled claims in a continuation application.

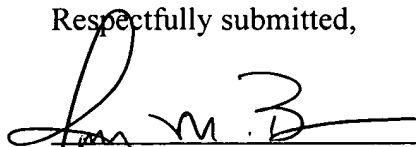
New claims 26-37 directly or indirectly depend from allowed claim 14. Because claim 14 is in condition for allowance, the Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 26-37, which depend from claim 14, should also be in condition for allowance. No fee is believed due with respect to these new claims because the total number of claims in the present application does not exceed twenty, and the total number of independent claims does not exceed three.

The Applicants respectfully submit that claims 14-20, and 26-37 of the present application should be in condition for allowance at least for the reasons discussed above. If the Examiner has any questions or the Applicants can be of any assistance, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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